

Dear Sir or Madam:

In America, the land of free speech and democracy, where capitalism reigns supreme, if find it absurd that one entity can petition the government to stifle the progress of a competitor. Would it fair to stop a new manufacturer from building a better mouse trap because the current existing manufacturer of mouse traps would suffer and does not want to compete?

In this particular case of the NAB contesting XM, XM has built a better mouse trap. I receive better coverage, better quality and better entertainment with XM that I elect to pay for. Are there no skeletons in the NAB closet? AM radio, possibly newspapers, even the pony express if you want to go back far enough.

With all the issues facing America in this day and age I am shocked that our legislators are spending precious time and resources debating such issues as NAB vs. XM radio! Veto petition 04-160 asap and let's move on!